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Social Life in Washington

GRACE **PORTER** HOPKINS. Sewing Classes and Lectures for All Sorts and Conditions of Men and Beasts Succeed State Dinners and Receptions-Lace on Table Covers-Artists and Their Pictures Now the Style.

(special to The Times-Dispatch).
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Ash
Wednesday is the Gay popularly supposed
to sharply divide the solemn from the gay
in social life, but in Washington Congress
rules, and when a long session is in prosress, as is the case this year, the shades
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To be sure, sewing classes and lectures for the benefit of charity have replaced balls and dancing parties, but much pleasure attaches to the comfortable feeling of doing for others, and a dainty luncheon often unites morning and afternoon plans. The day is appropriately rounded out by a small dinner followed by bridge whist. And just here, let me say that the upto-date woman no longer rejoices over the fine quality of her damask, but makes her friends green with envy over the beauty of her table lace. Last year's table sets have been relegated to the attic along with last year's gowns, and to-day the dainty dame of the fashionable world does not wear more costly lace than that which decorates the table around which she seats her guests. Indeed so extravagant are the styles of lace I have recently seen on lunch tables, that aside from beauty, their one recommendation is the fact that when their day of sec.

Notwithstanding this seeming extrava-gance, very dainty, artistic effets can be accomplished by the woman who has more time than money. Let her first plungs into her serap bag and drag out all of the odd bits of lace and insertion. Squares and ovals may be laid on the

Cross stitch embrodery is another popular fad being indulged at fashionable sewing classes, and deinty collar and cuff sets are being turned out by skilled fingers. Linen, serim, and even Turkish toweling, are the chief materials used,

From the sewing class one goes to the lecture. All sorts of subjects for the benefit of all sorts of objects seem to be in vogue. The first fashlonable Lenten gathering occurred on Tuesday, when tout le monde assembled at Boundary Casite, the home of former Senator and Mrs. J.

B. Henderson, to hear the first ingree. le monde assembled at Boundary Castle, the home of former Senator and Mrs. J. B. Henderson, to hear the first of two lecture recttain given by Miss Anna Vernon Dorsey, under the auspices of the Costume, of London society a hundred years ago, and was as unique as the object for which it was given. After the lecture, the guests enjoyed looking at the rare works of art, drawn partly from the paintings of American artists, it having been one of Mrs. Henderson's pairiotic endeavors to encourage the development of art in her own country.

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were the guests of honor at one of the now famous Henderson dinners, during lay is the day popularly supposed by divide the solemn from the gay life, but in Washington Congress Rhode Island.

Apropos to art exhibitions is the muchtalked-of "Parsifal series" of paintings by Marcius Simons. These paintings were shown, and attracted much attention because of their spectacular, romantic, altogether unusual conception. The pictures are large and the raw newness of oil paint, flercely apparent, is emphasized by the conventional frames of antique richness. The "Parsifal Tonepaintings" as they are styled, are eight in number—"The Narative", "The Blood of Christ", "The Incantation", "The Flower Garden", "The Sacred Lance", "Good Friday's Spell", "The Healing", and "The Redeemer"—the most wonderful of all. Another notable collection of pictures

Another notable collection of pictures was lately placed on exhibition at the Library of Congress. It consists of engravings and etchings reproducing paintings in the Louvre and Luxembourg galleries, and is of rare interest to the student and the sightseer, who is ever with the coupling a part of a large col-The exhibit is a part of a large col

Aside from purchasing good specimens of their work herself, she has taken an active interest in arranging loan exhibitions with beneficent results. Mrs. Henderson is a firm believer in vegetariantsm, but so cleverly does her French chef follow instructions that few of the guests at her formal dinners would suspect that meat was not the foundation of the tasty dishes set before them, had it not become an open secret through the pages of the hostess' recent book, "The Aristocracy of Health."

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CHARMING WIFE OF **CONGRESSMAN JONES**



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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Mrs.
Wm. A. Jones, wife of Representative

Jones, of the First District of Virginia, is not at all new to Washington society, as she has always accompanied her husband during his winters in Washington representing his district in Congress, which district he has represented for a number of years. Having such an experience, Mrs. Jones is quite at home in attending to the social duties and requirements of a representative's wife. She is a fascinating hostess, a brilliant conversationalist, and has that gentle dignity which so bespeaks the birthplace of a daughter of Virginia.

She was born in King and Queen country, of that State. Her mother's maiden name was Coke, a sister of former Senator Richard Coke, of Texas. Mrs. Jones's uncle, Senator Coke, of Texas, is the nephew of a gentleman whose name was also Richard Coke, who represented the State of Virginia in the United States Senate quite a number of years ago.

Mrs. Jones was educated at St. Paul's College, Va., and met Representative Jones in that State, then a practicing lawyer. Her personal appearance is at-Jones, of the First District of Virginia,

tractive, and sho is spoken of in an Atlanta journal as "a Virginia beauty."

Her Washington home on Q Street is a sort of open house to Virginians, who are cordially received and entertained in an informal way at any time. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Montague, wife of Givernor Montague, of Virginia, have been warm friends from their girlhood, and spent a portion of the past summer together at the Hot Springs of Virginia, enjoying their visit there hugely. 12 During the present winter Mrs. Jones has had many prominent Southern women receiving with her at her Tuesday afternoon receptions; among them Mrs. Francis Nash, president of the Southern Relief Association; Mrs. DeArmond, wife of Representative De Armond, Mrs. Beatty, nee Peachy, and others.

Representative and Mrs. Jones have two children, a boy 14 years and a girl of 12 years, who seems very much to enjoy welcoming her mother's guests in the drawing room on reception days. These children receive much of their mother's attention, for although Mrs. Jones fully enjoys the meetings and also returning civilities of official society, she is domestic and fond of home and its duties and pleasures. is domestic and fond of home and its duties and pleasures.

included everything dilgitful, from lunch-eons to a very smart ball. At her last afternoon reception before Lent she was assisted by Miss Ames, Miss Newberry and Miss Langham, the young sister of Baroness von Sternberg, of the German

fifty-nine cent alarm clock from the depths of his pocket, with the remark, "Well, gentlemen, I have an engagement in just ten minutes. Is there anything more of importance before the committee? If not, good morning."

west France of the White House. The blue parior of the White House. The blue parior of the White House. The brawning farewell greetings of the popular minister. The the Japanese doll ladies, who have heard and seen so much of international interest since the kindness of Minister Takahara, of Japan, made them a part of the Rossovelt household.

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o'clock with Mrs. Elizabeth Townes at No. 508 East Franklin Street.

The report from the silver tea given by the association in January for the benefit of the Stuart Mounment Association and the officers' section in Holywood, proved very satisfactory, the amount of twenty dollars being donated by the association to the Stuart Monu-

ment Fund.

The corresponding secretary, Miss Lucy Claire Atkinson, resigned, greatly to the regret of the association, who felt the greatest appreciation for her valuable services. Mrs Norman V. Randolph undertook the duties of secretary until the annual election of officers next May.

The secretary was instructed to obtain a speaker for the mass meeting of the Hollywood Memorial Association on May 3d, the arrangements for that occasion devolving upon the Juniors.

Miss Annie Jacobs was appointed chairman of the committee to direct the musical programme for the May mass meeting.

Envelope Contributions Asked.

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Mrs. N. V. Randolph desires that every Mrs. N. V. Randolph desires that every person to whom an envelope has been sent on hehalf of the Stuart Monument Fund will return the same with a sum, no matter how small. She says:

"A little self-denial will enable every individual to give something, and it should to borne in mind that the little makes the much. The completion of this monument is due to the living veterans, as well as to the dead here, for

The Howltzers will give a dance at the armory to-morrow evening, when they hope to repeat the decided success of their last venture. Woman's College Art Class.

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The grade of work undertaken by the students of the art department in the Woman's College this year shows a gratifying earnestness of purpose and a corresponding uplifting of standards in what has been accomplished.

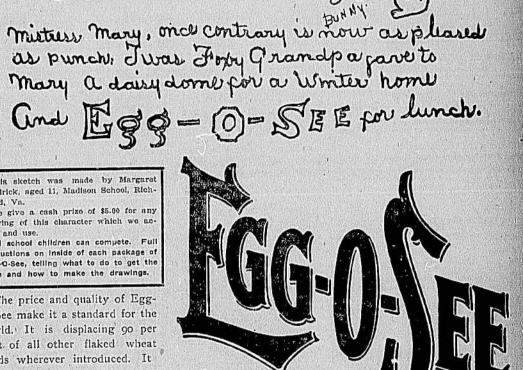
The work done by the class since the opening of the session in black and white water colors and oil speaks for itself. It testifies to the fact that the young artists of the college are laying a foundation which will hereafter enable them to go forward along right lines, without having anything to regret or unlearn. The head of the art department, Miss Laura Bacon, feels well satisfied over the progress and status of her department.

Miss Emma Whitfield will give a talk to the art students on March 3d in regard to her impressions of European art, gathered while abroad lest summer. As Miss Whitfield is extremely bright and clever, the girls have a great pleasure to look forward to.

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Mrs. Nannie D. Werth is visiting her friend, Mrs. Hoffecker, of Wilmington, Del. She expects to return to Philadelphin in a few days to be with her son, Mr. John Werth, with whom she has been spending the winter, In a few weeks she will leave for St. Louis to occupy a house during the exposition.

Mrs. Reichelt, of New York, sister of President W. L. Guillaudeu, of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, is spend-ing a few weeks at Miss Fitzer's, No. 115 East Franklin Street.

Miss Kate Minor, of the University of Virginia, is the guess of Mrs. Mann S. Valentine, Jr., of No. 918 West Franklin

been the guest of her graudmother, Mrs. Robert Page Grymes, for the past few days. Miss Henley has been suffering from a severe cold.

Mrs. Thomas D. Armistead, of Roa-noke, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Shelburne, at No. 615 East Franklin Street.

Mrs. L. B. Craig, of Philomont, Lou-doun county, is the guest of her nephew. Mr. P. D. Garrett, of South Cherry Street.

Mrs. Charles Copeley of Bellows Falls. Vermont, is the guest of Mrs. James A. Warde, of No. 11 East Clay Street. Mrs. Sarah Lenher, of Elizabeth, N. J., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Cook, of No. 108 East Marshall Street.

Mr. J. E. McMurran, of Newport News, is in Richmond on account of the illness of his mother, Mrs. James McMurran.

Mrs. C. H. Turner, of No. 2 North First Street, and Miss Lillie Turner, of Roa-noke, are visiting relatives in Atlanta, Ga.*

Mr. Edward C. Mayo and Mr. Watkins Ellerson are traveling South, and will spend the early spring at the prominent Southern resorts.

Miss Ruth Puller, who has been the guest of Miss Louise Budd, in Blackstone, Va., has returned to Richmond, and is with her sister, Mrs. W. T. Holdsworth, at No. Sio West Main. Street.

Miss Puller will have Miss Budd as her guest in the early spring.

Captain William McRerie Myers presented his best man and groomsmen on the occasion of his wedding, last Thursduy evening, February 25th, with very handsome scarf pins as souvenirs.

Miss Ethel W. Atkinson, secretary of the Old Dominion Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has received a letter from Mrs. J. Pembroke Thom. State regent of the Maryland Daughters of the American Revolution, containing highly appreciative thanks for the money raised at the silver tea given here on February 17th, and forwarded by Miss Atkinson to Mrs. Thom for sufferers by the recent Baltimore fire.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Cary Johnson, of Union Theological Seminary, will have as their guest to-morrow Dr. Robert P. Kerr, of Baltimore, who will lecture to-morrow night in Seminary Chapel on "Lessons Derived From Pastoral Experiences." Dr. and Mrs. Johnson will give a dinner party in honor of Dr. Kerr durtur ble Richmond visit. ng his Richmond visit.

Mrs. Fairbanks, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolu-tion, has announced that October 11, 1904, will be celebrated as "Daughters" Day" at the World's Fair in St. Louis.

Miss Daisy Hughes has opened a school near her home, at Newman, Va., after spending several months in Richmond. Mrs. J. P. Gibbons and Miss Ruby God-din, who have been visiting friends in

the Elko neighborhood, have returned to

Miss Julia Spence was considered slightly better yesterday, and it was hoped that the crisis of her illness was past. Miss Spence has a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Walter Edward Harris, of Washington, reached Richmond yesterday for a short visit. Little Julian L. Spratley, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Spratley, is quite sick with pneumonia at the Lexington Hotel.

Mrs. W. B. Matthews and Mrs. Rose T. Hinter, her sister, of Washington, D. C., are spending several days in Richmond. Mr. Matthews, who is the attorney for the State of Oregon and who, as the representatives of that State, is anxious to get the Virginia exhibit sent from St. Louis to Oregon for the Portland, Oregon, Exposition in 1906, is here also.

While the Lamp Holds Out, Etc. The Advertiser is not unaccustomed to Jars, and to seeing unexpected things in unexpected places; hence it doesn't quite lose its breath at seeing a highly commendatory editorial in The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, winding up thus:

We regard Hon, Grover Cleveland's latest paper as both an able and timely utterance.

The Nashville News Loc. which is some.

The Nashville News, too, which is some-what addicted to howls at the very men-tion of Mr. Cleveland's name, refers to his letter as "a plan of campaign, bold, simple and full of hopeful suggestion." Verily is there hope for political sin-ners.—Montgomery Advertiser. STATE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

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